



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5650

LCO No. 1064

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 319s of the general statutes be amended to establish,
2 within available appropriations, a state-funded program that will
3 provide health insurance premium assistance to persons with income
4 at or below three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level in order
5 to enable such persons to procure employer-sponsored health
6 insurance. The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer such
7 program and shall be responsible for ensuring that: (1) Any premium
8 assistance subsidies paid by the state shall not exceed eighty per cent
9 of the employee's share of the premium; (2) any insurance procured
10 meet the minimum standards of a basic, comprehensive or health
11 savings account plus high deductible plan; (3) the department pursues
12 any possible federal matching funds; and (4) the department conducts
13 outreach to large employers of low wage workers to inform such
14 employers of the availability of such subsidies.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand affordability of health insurance coverage for low wage workers thereby reducing the number of uninsured persons in the state.